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FOR AF/EPS, ROBERT DUNCAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: U.S. OBSERVER DELEGATION TO AFDB/AFDF ANNUAL MEETING,
DAKAR, MAY 5-10

1. PRESIDENT LABIDI HAS HAD NO INDICATION OF NAMES OF U. S.
OBSERVER DELEGATION TO SUBJECT MEETING. HE DEPARTS ABIDJAN
SUNDAY FOR DAKAR. PLEASE ADVISE US HERE AND REPEAT TO DAKAR.

2. IN RESPONSE TO FORMAL INVITATION FROM AFDB, A.I.D. ADMIN-
ISTRATOR PARKER REPLIED DIRECTLY, NOT THROUGH EMBASSY. HIS
LETTER INDICATED THAT HE COULD NOT ATTEND MEETING BUT WOULD
INFORM LABIDI OF WHO WOULD BE COMING FROM A.I.D. THERE HAS
BEEN NO FURTHER WORD. PLEASE ADVISE A.I.D. OF PROPER PROCEDURE
FOR COMMUNICATION THROUGH EMBASSY TO AFDB.

3. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, LABIDI SAID THAT AFDF HAS NOW
COMMITTED ABOUT \$70,000,000 OF THE ORIGINAL \$90,000,000 AND
THAT REPLENISHMENT HAS ADDED AN ADDITIONAL \$40,000,000 TO THE
FUND. HE INTENDS TO ASK FOR \$350,000,000 FOR THE FUND FOR THE
PERIOD BEGINNING IN 1976.

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RM HIS SEARCH FOR FUNDS FROM THE ARAB PETROLEUM STATES HAS BEEN

DISAPPOINTING, APART FROM A SMALL SAUDI ARABIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE AFDF. THERE HAS BEEN NO MONEY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AFDB. OF THE ARAB LEAGUE PETROLEUM EQUALIZATION FUND PROMISED TO THE OAU, ONLY \$20,000,000 IS BEING ADMINISTERED BY AFDB, AND THE REMAINING \$180,000,000 IS BEING ADMINISTERED BY THE ARAB LEAGUE DIRECTLY.

5. AMBASSADOR TRANSMITTED SUBSTANCE AND ATTACHMENTS YOUR LETTER APRIL 7, 1975, TO LABIDI.
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